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LEGION HEADQUARTERS,
THE PLANETOID TALUS...

WHAT AM I
DOING HERE?

...FIDDLE AROUND
WITH EXTENSION
PLUGS AND CON-
VERSION SWITCHES...

SUBJECT CELESTE
LOCKED
...WHEN THE MOST IN-
TRIGUING PHENOM-
ENON I'VE SEEN IN
FIVE YEARS HAS BEEN
SHIPPED OFF FOR A
MISSION ON EARTH...

THEY DIDN'T EVEN GIVE
ME A CHANCE TO FORM
A THEORY ABOUT WHERE
THE POWER'S HEADED...

MUSES! I HOPE JAN
AND BOUNTY KEEP A
CAREFUL EYE ON
LAUREL.

...LAUREL?...CELESTE.
AN EYE ON CELESTE.

LAUREL. SHE'S OF NO
CONSEQUENCE.

IF SHE AND ROND WANT
TO RUN OFF AND...MORE
IMPORTANT MATTERS
DEMAND MY ATTENTION,
SUCH AS JO.

YES, JO...

THOSE RESONANCE
READINGS SHOULD BE
READY BY NOW...AND
IF MY THEORY IS
CORRECT...

YES, CLOSE
ENOUGH.

A TIME CUBE TRACE
B DOMINATOR WEAPON TRACE

ROXXAS DIDN'T KILL
JO. HE SENT HIM
BACK IN TIME.

WHICH DOES US DAMN
LITTLE GOOD SINCE I
HAVE NO WAY OF
TRACKING HIM.

ESPECIALLY WITH THE
KHUND-PASTED, HAND-
CRANKED SET-UP I'VE
I'VE GOT HERE.

IT LOOKS LIKE ROND
IS ON HIS OWN...

JO. JO IS ON
HIS OWN.

ROND
DAMN IT.





HEY!

THAT'S
NOT FAIR!
AW, CRIPES! I
WAS HAVIN'
FUN!



DID
SOMEBODY
TURN ON THOSE
DAMN BEDS
AGAIN?



WHY,
BRAINY,
WE HARDLY
KNOW EACH
OTHER!

THE ROYAL FORTRESS OF
QUEEN PROJECTRA,
ORANDO...

...WE JUST GOT A REPORT
OF SOME UNAUTHORIZED
AIR TRAFFIC UP THERE.

EVER SINCE
YOU RE-
TURNED
ORANDO
TO ITS
ORIGINAL
ORBITAL
SLOT--

MINISTER ALLON'S
SHUTTLE CLEARED
A FOR TAKEOFF...

WHILE YOU'RE IN THE
BATTERSEA SECTOR,
MARTE, KEEP YOUR
EYES OPEN...

WE'LL HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT
THESE STRAYING
FREIGHTERS, JACKIE.

GOD-
SOULS!

WHAT IS IT?

OH, SOME IDIOT
DOESN'T KNOW
WHERE HE'S
GOING...

ALMOST
RAN RIGHT
INTO US.

LOOKIT, THERE'S
SOME MORE. THOSE
GUYS DON'T HAVE
CLEARANCE --

HOLY-- GET
OUT OF HERE!
NOW!

I'LL
RADIO
IN FOR
A--

NOW!

THE SHUTTLE,
SIR, IT'S
SPOTTED
US.

ARM ALL
FORWARD
SABERS!

FORWARD
SABERS ARMED
AND READY.

THOSE ARE
KHUNDS!

FIRE!

HANG ON!

PLOOM









THE THRONEROOM...



WEBER'S WORLD, SEAT OF THE UNITED PLANETS...

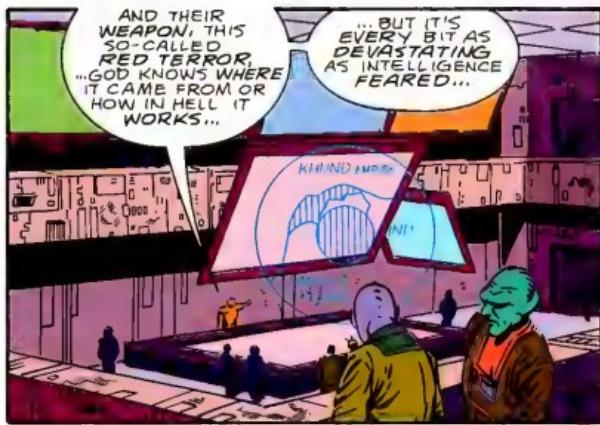


I'M AFRAID THE NEWS FROM ORANDO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IS NOT GOOD...

THE KHUNDS ARE FIGHTING WITH A RELIGIOUS FERVOR WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE. THIS IS NOT JUST A WAR TO THEM; IT'S BECOME A HOLY CRUSADE!

AND THEIR WEAPON, THIS SO-CALLED RED TERROR... GOD KNOWS WHERE IT CAME FROM OR HOW IN HELL IT WORKS...

...BUT IT'S EVERY BIT AS DEVASTATING AS INTELLIGENCE FEARED...

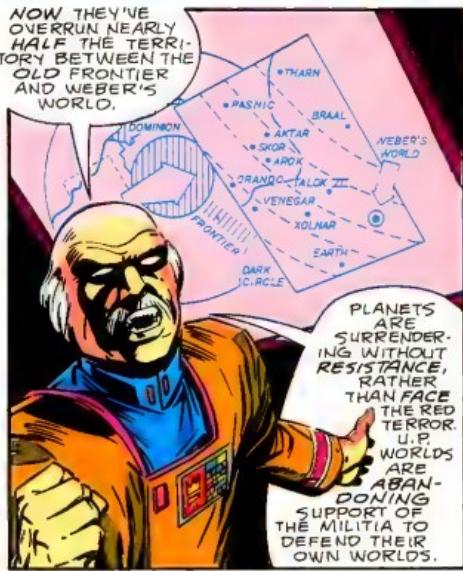


NOW THEY'VE OVERRUN NEARLY HALF THE TERRITORY BETWEEN THE OLD FRONTIER AND WEBER'S WORLD.



THE KHUNDS' TACTICAL ADVANTAGE IS SUDDENLY HUGE.

HERE IS WHERE THE BATTLE LINES WERE DRAWN JUST THREE WEEKS AGO.



PLANETS ARE SURRENDERING WITHOUT RESISTANCE, RATHER THAN FACE THE RED TERROR. U.P. WORLDS ARE ABANDONING SUPPORT OF THE MILITIA TO DEFEND THEIR OWN WORLDS.



IT'S NO EXAGGERATION TO SAY THE ENTIRE U.P. COULD FALL IN A MATTER OF WEEKS.



THAT'S WHY I'VE CALLED YOU HERE, LEGIONNAIRES. THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO JOIN THE MILITIA AND HELP US BEAT BACK THE KHUNDS.

IF YOU DON'T ... IF THE TIDE ISN'T TURNED QUICKLY, THERE MAY BE NO U.P....

...LEFT TO PROTECT.



GALLAN, A FORMER U.P. WORLD, INDEPENDENT SINCE THE GREAT COLLAPSE...





VENEGAR, CAPITAL
OF A SMALL EMPIRE
WITHIN U.P. BORDERS...

GET
'EM!
KILL
'EM!

SHHHH!
SHHH!

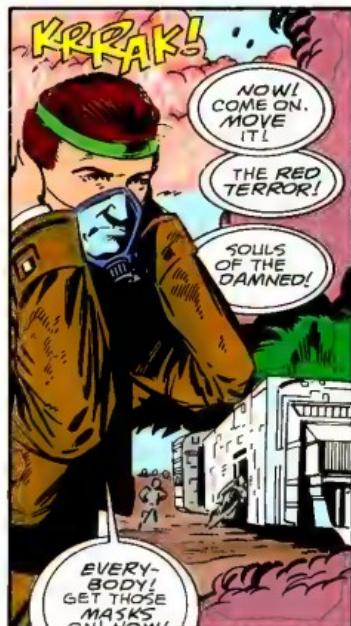
POOM!

SPLAM!

FORWARD, MEN!
FORWARD!

OVERRUN
THE LEGION
BASE! OVERRUN
IT OR THE SHE-
DEMON GAND
DESTROYS US
ALL!





EVERYBODY IN!
WE'VE GOT TO
SEAL THAT DOOR!
WE'VE GOT ABOUT
FIFTEEN
SECONDS!

SEAL IT!
SEAL IT!
WE'RE ALL
IN!

OH,
MAN...OH
SHUK...

VIOLET?!
HOW BAD
IS IT?!

BAD
ENOUGH!

IT'S
REAL
BADY.
AND FUR-
BALL'S NEXT
IN LINE. HE
GOT DINGED
PRETTY GOOD
—LEG AND
ABDOMEN!

UHHH
UHHHN.

OH, MAN.
AHHH--

...oh
spirits...

AHHHH,
NNNN!

...please just
TAKE me
from this...

uh...uhn...
oh, man...
oh, man...

THOSE STUPID
BLOODY SAVAGES!
WILL BE TOO
TOUGH FOR 'EM!
SHE'LL BE OKAY!

...KENT,
YOU'RE NOT
SERIOUS...

...I'VE GOT
TO, AYLA... THE
LEG CAN'T BE
SAVED...

OH, NO!
OH, YI!

GENERAL KIRITAN,
A CALL COMING
IN FROM FIELD
COMMANDER GALT.

...HE REPORTS
HUNDREDS OF
KHUND TROOPS
WERE EXPOSED
ON THE PLANET
SURFACE DURING
ACTIVATION



WHAT?! HOW--
WHY WASN'T
THIS REPORTED
SOONER?!

IT'S OKAY, SIR. THEY
HAVE WAR MASKS.

WAR MASKS?! AGAINST
THE TERROR?!

DEMON
MOTHER!
SAVE
US!

DAMN
MY SOUL
AND TAKE
ME!

THEY MIGHT JUST AS WELL
HAVE BEEN WEARING VEILS!

THE DESERT WORLD
TALOK VIII...



TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS
U.P. MILITIA COMMAND...



BUT WE'VE GOT ANOTHER CHANCE, LEGIONNAIRES...



IT SEEMS THE KHUNDIS' STARHIVES HAVE A VERY LIMITED RANGE...



I ONLY WISH WE COULD TALK HER INTO IT, SIR.



THE OUTPOST WORLD OF
YÖLNAR, HOME
OF THE U.P.
MILITIA
ACADEMY...



I ASSURE YOU, MRS. TAINÉ,
MR. TAINÉ... YOUR WORK HERE
IS CONSIDERED OF CRITICAL
IMPORTANCE TO THE MILITIA.
WE WOULD NEVER ALLOW
OUR TRAINING ACADEMY
TO FALL.

AS LONG AS THERE'S
ANY CHANCE OF YÖLNAR
BEING A KHUND TARGET,
AN ENTIRE DIVISION WILL
REMAIN HERE.

YOU AND YOUR
CADETS WILL NEVER
FACE THE KHUNDS
ALONE.

LOOK, BRADEN,
WE'RE NOT SAYING
THESE KIDS AREN'T
GREAT...

BEST DARN
CLASS OF
RECRUITS WE'VE
EVER HAD.

IT'S JUST THAT
YOU CAN'T SEND
CHILDREN INTO
BATTLE UN-
PREPARED.

YOU'RE GOING TO
LOSE A LOT OF
PROMISING YOUNG
SOLDIERS BEFORE
THEY EVEN HAVE
A CHANCE OF
SURVIVING.

BELIEVE ME,
MR. AND MRS.
TAINE, YOUR
CONCERN'S ARE
OUR CONCERN'S.
YOUR ACADEMY
WILL BE
PROTECTED.

AND NOW,
I BELIEVE WE
BOTH HAVE
DUTIES TO
TEND TO. SO
IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME...

OF COURSE

I DON'T KNOW,
CHUCK, I GET THE
FEELING OUR KIDS
ARE BEING TREATED
LIKE LITTLE PAWNS
ON A GIANT
CHESSBOARD.

YEAH,
WELL, I
GUESS WAR'S
LIKE THAT,
LUORNU.

GENERAL
TAINE,
YOU WANTED
TO SEE
ME?

YES.
JED, YOU
AND BERTA ARE
GOING TO ORGANIZE
A SERIES OF PATROLS
OF THE PLANET.

AS YOU CAN
SEE, BERTA'S
ALREADY--
AHEM!--GETTING
THE FIRST PATROL
ORGANIZED.

SHE'LL WHIP THOSE SPRIGLETS
INTO SHAPE. SO WHAT EXACTLY
ARE WE LOOKING FOR, MAAM?

KHUNDS, JED, ANY SIGN
OF 'EM. ANYTHING.

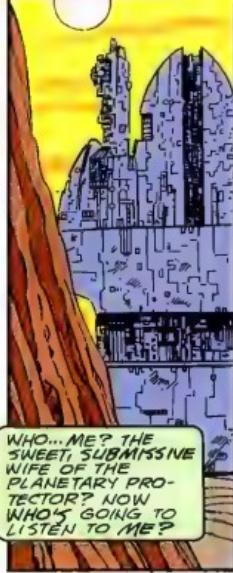
UH...
I GUESS
SO, MAAM...

I GUESS
NOT, MISTER!
YOU CAN
GIVE ME
FIFTY!

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IF THE KHUNDS HAVE US IN
THEIR SIGHTS, I WANT TO
KNOW ABOUT IT BEFORE
THE KHUNDS DO.

LYDEA, CAPITAL
CITY OF TALOK
VIII ...



GALLAN...

YOU'RE CERTAIN...

OUR SOURCES ARE UNIMPEACHABLE...

...THE KHUNDO FLEET'S NEXT OBJECTIVE IS DEFINITELY TALOK VIII.

SO WE'RE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN THEY HAVE NO DESIGNS ON XOLNAR?

XOLNAR?

NW... STEADY...
STEADY... LET 'EM GET CLOSER...

...DON'T GIVE ANY OF 'EM A CHANCE TO CALL IN...OKAY...READY...

AMBUSH!
AMB--!

THE KHUNDOS HAVE NO USE FOR THAT BALL OF ICE...

UNLESS WE'RE READY FOR THEM...

THEY'VE GOT CONFEDERATES ON TALOK VIII, AN ATMOSPHERE THERE TO SPREAD THE RED TERROR AND LARGER DEPOSITS OF PLURIDIUM...

ALL DEAD?

ALL DEAD.
MY SOURCES SAY TALOK VIII'S THE PLACE.

YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT ON XOLNAR.

RIMBOR...

BRILLIANT DEDUCTIVE REASONING, JO.

JUST A BRILLIANT PIECE OF DAMN DEDUCTIVE REASONING.

AND NOT JUST A LITTLE BIT BACK IN TIME. FIVE THOUSAND YEARS BACK. A MERE 45 HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE RIMBOR IS SETTLED!

ROXXAS DIDN'T KNOCK YOU ACROSS THE GALAXY...HE KNOCKED YOU BACK IN TIME!

AND AT LEAST TWO OR THREE THOUSAND AFTER THE OLD CIVILIZATION DIED OUT!

THESE RUINS—THEY'RE EVEN OLDER, MORE PRIMITIVE, THAN THE ONES THEY BUILT LIBERTY CITY OVER.

ALL BY MYSELF I FIGURED IT OUT: THERE AINT A SOUL ALIVE ON THIS PLANET.

GRIFF! FIVE THOUSAND YEARS!

I REALLY WAS ON KHUNDIA!

JUST BACK BEFORE THE KHUNDIAN REVOLT! SHE'S THE KHUNDIAN REVOLT!

ALL BY MYSELF.

YEAH, JO, YOU'RE A REGULAR DETECTIVE.

IT'S JUST TOO DAMN BAD YOU DIDN'T THINK OF ANY OF THIS UNTIL AFTER THAT BOTCHED LANDING SMASHED YOUR TRANSPORTATION INTO A MILLION BITS.

THE MOST ADVANCED CIVILIZATIONS OF THIS ERA CAN BARELY MAKE IT FROM ONE STAR TO ANOTHER.

THE FUNDAMENTALS OF TIME TRAVEL WON'T BE UNRAVELLED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

BAD NEWS, JO, YOU'RE STUCK.

STUCK ON THIS PLANET.

STUCK IN THIS TIME.

ELIA, HOMeworld OF
THE DOMINION...



WE'VE ISSUED STATE-
MENT AFTER STATE-
MENT DENYING
RROXXAS'S CHARRGES.





The Office of the 83rd Lord Mayor

April 11, 2993

Cipriana Cocheta, Madame High Priestess of the Yakka-Mahor, Spiritual Leader of the Hill People and My Friend:

It is done. Praise the Ancestors, he has agreed.

Lord Grev Mallor, the youngest of the line of Shadow-casters and a champion of the City People, has agreed to wed Mistress Kahnna Nahtahnne, Lady Memory of the Yakka-Mahor. A ceremony is now being planned for August 14 at the Cathedral of the Ancestors and we hopefully anticipate the first public ceremony ever attended by all ranking dignitaries of both the Hill People and the City People.

We have convinced Lord Mallor of the symbolic importance of this wedding—citing our hope that such a marriage will serve as a symbol to all Talokians of the unity that must bind the Talokian race if it is to survive these difficult times. Lord Mallor also understands our hopes that this union will produce an heir to both his shadow-casting abilities and Mistress Nahtahnne's racial memory, starting a new line of more powerful champions belonging to all the Talokian people.

We are profoundly indebted to you for persuading the willful Mistress Nahtahnne to agree to the union. We can only assume that her initial resistance was as great as Lord Mallor's. The bitter feud between the Mallors and Mistress Nahtahnne serves as an unhappy symbol of the centuries of hatred and bloodshed that have divided our race. Let their marriage stand as a new, hopeful symbol of the peace and good will that can rule the Talok VIII of the 31st century and beyond.

Beyond doubt the young couple will experience difficult times as they adjust to this arrangement. We are confident you will continue to provide Mistress Nahtahnne with your wise counsel and support to help her understand the importance of this marriage growing into a contented, blissful relationship to be admired by all Talokians. We pledge to do nothing less with Lord Mallor.

I look forward to meeting with you regularly to carefully plan and execute this ceremony of such vital importance.

I thank you for your list of proposed foreign dignitaries and sovereigns to be invited, and would suggest only the addition of Orandos Queen Projectra. As you know, that planet has recently been returned to its strategically important position in this sector and she has reassumed the throne there. It is my evaluation that her influence in regional affairs cannot be overestimated.

I have every confidence we will stage a ceremony that will make the bold symbolic statement this divided planet needs. May our prayers and dreams of a lasting peace become a reality.

Your ally in peace,


Wervos Bonner
83rd Lord Mayor, Talok City



BRIDGING THE FIVE-YEAR GAP



PREVIOUSLY

The economic collapse that hit the United Planets in 2989 has allowed the warrior Khund race to overrun fully one-third of the U.P., and only an intense effort by the U.P. militia and Legionnaire Laurel Gand has slowed their progress.

Meanwhile the Legion of Super-Heroes has re-formed and is now in the process of moving into an old salvage station donated as a headquarters by former member Garth Ranzz (Lightning Lad).

Earlier, Jo Nah (formerly Ultra Boy) was blasted to parts unknown by Roxxas shortly before the killer's capture.

Some of you long-time readers might remember the Mort Weisinger SUPER-BOY/LSH letter columns of the early '70s that were often filled largely with lists of names and brief quotes. For you, this column will certainly have a nostalgic feel. With tons of letters on both the annual and issue #11 to cover this time, we had no choice but to start summarizing lots of points in the old Weisinger style under our "Bits of Legionnaire Business" heading.

But in the meantime there is room for a few letters, so let's dive right in...

Dear Creative Team,

The DC annuals this year have generally been excellent. The best one by far, for me, was the Legion Annual. It had a beautiful cover and a brilliant, grandiose story, which helped to fill in many of the continuity questions that are now flying around. But the nicest thing for me was that it gave us the *real* Legion. By that I mean the super-hero group that I've loved for years. It had the beautiful, distinctive costumes, the exciting codenames, the grand operation of things.

The new series is interesting but is totally different from the old Legion and should operate as a separate entity. That way DC has two series and makes a lot of people happy, especially me (not to mention employing extra staff to do the work).

Best wishes,

Peter Hayward-Brewer
18 Fulham Court
Fulham, London SW6 5PQ
England

We'd certainly love to do two Legion books, one telling the current tales and one covering untold adventures of the old costumed, code-named group. In fact, that's been the plan from time to time; but for now, the first book is keeping the team busy enough, so the proposed spinoff series has been moved to the back burner.

Dear Creators and Destroyers of the New Legion,

I've often wanted to write to this new book, but after reading Annual #1, I figured I could no longer suppress my thoughts: is this what happens when Keith Giffen is left on the sidelines?

This is the most destructive turn I've ever seen taken by a storyline with so much potential. Sure, there were some things we readers needed to know. Unfortunately, most of those questions were either answered with little discretion or they weren't answered at all.

Questions now needing to be answered because of this annual:

Why is Ultra boy competing with Reflecto? Would you ever have depicted Sensor Girl and Princess Projectra competing? (Yes, it does look that stupid!)

Why does it look as though Lar and Laurel shop at "Super Suits 4 Siblings"?

Why, with all the flashbacks here, wasn't Lar Gand's appearance shown as well?

Why "Valor"? (Yuck! Why not "Courage"? According to Roget, it means the same, and sounds just as bad.)

Why work on Ultra Boy? His character needed no development whatsoever, while those of Kono, Roxxas and others are screaming for it.

And why try to rush the Lar Gand thing anyway? With Gand in LEGION '90 now, you had plenty of time to structure a story that would be foolproof, both in his leaving the 20th century and entering the 30th, by a nap in the Phantom Zone, a time-bump from Glorith, or what have you. But instead you've opened up the story and followed through with nothing, leaving us all up in the air.

I have been a worshipper of the Legion ever since the Great Darkness Saga, and I believe that after you praised Paul Levitz for his brilliant Pocket Universe ideas, this is the most blasphemous story you could ever print, showing no respect to him or the now-new issue #50. I have never seen a story that lost more continuity than this one.

I pray that Keith Giffen can dig you out of this pit and I truly believe this never could've happened with Keith's supervision. But with all due respect, I don't think even he can save this book now.

Respectfully yours,
Chris E. Jensen
The Legion's Once-Largest Fan

Reaction to the annual was decidedly mixed, which is the risk you take with any story that attempts as much as this one did. But the pleased readers continue to significantly outweigh the displeased readers.

Incidentally, Keith WAS fully aware of

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the annual's content and approved of it, though the ultimate blame and credit for the story must still go to us.

Why did Jo compete with Reflecto for Legion membership? True, an early '80s story showed Jo assuming the Reflecto persona, but we've always believed there was a real Reflecto upon which that transformation was based. And by the way, that twist has been part of Legion continuity since SECRET ORIGINS #42.

To All Involved:

Having just finished LSH #11, I feel obliged to drop you a note and tell you how much I enjoy this title. I feel that it is one of the best super-hero books being published today.

I admit the first issues were more than a little confusing, but I liked that. It can be refreshing to pick up a monthly book that requires a little concentration to read. Unfortunately, the realities of publishing seem to have put a quick end to the density of those first few issues. At least you're still keeping things on the edge.

Also, I know that letter columns are supposed to give a representative sampling of the letters received, but can we knock it off with the "I hate what you've done to my Legion" letters? They're saying they aren't buying the book anyway, and the rest of us know they're out there, so let's let them sulk by themselves, okay? I know it's hard for you guys to get those letters, because no one likes to alienate others. Look at the bright side, though: you've got me, and I'm a new reader who would've dropped the book if it were just the same as it had been the last 30 years.

I won't take up any more of your time. Thanks for putting out an interesting title.

Take care,
Mark Kevin Hall
% Kavenave Fantasies
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As you can see, we continue to print negative letters, but we're striving to get beyond the critiques that say little more than just "I hate what you've done to my Legion."

LARGE BITS OF LEGIONNAIRE BUSINESS

• Dozens of readers noticed and were confused by the appearance of Superboy fighting alongside the Legion against Mor'dru on page 34 of the annual. Among the scores to point out the apparent goof were Andrew B. Wright of Shelton, CT; D. Finkelstein of Philadelphia; Michael Lee, Berkeley Vale, NSW, Australia; Wayne Bass and Bob Friedland of Marlboro, NJ; Dave Dykema of Toledo, OH; Francis Uy and Michael Chary, address unknown;

and Scott Petersen of Mequon, WI.

In fact, we'd clearly stated in LEGION #4 that Supes was being wiped out of our continuity. What you readers of the annual couldn't have known at that time was that delicate, high-level negotiations have reinserted Superboy into a narrow slice of the Legion's history, as plainly obfuscated in #13. But crossed signals had some of the team thinking Superboy was back in the *entire* continuity, so he showed up in that scene.

It's currently our intention to keep Superboy's role in the history to a minimum, with just a token bit of Legion interaction prior to the Superman crossover that's a necessary part of the 20th-century history. Our feeling is that the events of #4-6 are a little too fresh to be undone in such a serious way at this early date. But time may change that and, in any event, we look forward to what will no doubt be a lively debate on the question.

• Along list of readers, including Robert Kowalski of Detroit; Willard B. Taylor Jr. of Seat Pleasant, MD; Shawn Evans of Cicero, IL; Steve Wright of Hodgenville, KY; and Joe Jackson Frazer of Pegrann, TN, also pointed out that the annual's scene of Shanghai (p. 51) strongly implied that both Duo Damself bodies were killed in the fight with Glorith. As is obvious by this issue, Luorun's last body remains alive and well.

• Speaking of Luorun, a lot of you, including Sean Sinclair of Kensington, MD; Mark Place of Eastman, WI; and Evan Jones of Weston, Ontario, questioned why she participated in this new version of the conspiracy (chronicled in the old timeline in the previous series' #50), when her original involvement in the previous conspiracy was attributed to the murder of Superboy, on whom she'd had a crush in her teens.

Our response? As Mark suggests, we've hinted (and are surprised how few readers have picked up on it) that in this timeline, Luorun had the same kind of crush on Valor that she'd had on Superboy previously. And we feel Glorith's sin against Valor (the destruction of Daxam and virtual genocide of its people) is as likely to stir a thirst for vengeance as was Superboy's murder.

Beyond that, we like to think that real, three-dimensional people are motivated by forces far more complex than infatuations and other personal ties.

• Another question being raised about the annual is why the Legionnaires, particularly Brainy and Jo, weren't able to recognize and trace the time disturbance Glorith used to send Tinya back to the 20th century. That query was posed by, among others, Anthony Gallagher of Melbourne, Australia. Our feeling has been that Glorith, now precisely aware of Jo's and Brainy's level of awareness, had no problem covering her tracks and giving every appearance that Tinya was killed by the explosion Jo witnessed.

• Anthony also was discerning enough to realize we ran one of our quotes on page 23 of #11 (the one that shows Jo traveling through a bizarre light show) out of order. It was the "Sonic Assassins" line, which should have come after the "foul perverted scheme" quote. And Anthony is one of the few readers so far to have figured out the significance and logical order of those quotes. Any more guesses?

• Tenzil Kem may be a ratings smash in the 30th century, but he and the humorous tone of issue #11 certainly didn't rate well with such readers as Howard Stangroom of London, England (who feels the lack of Legion-history precedence for the humorous interpretation of Tenzil made the story "forced, shallow and contemptuous"); Lynn Eaton of Doncaster, South Yorkshire, England; Scott Petersen of Mequon, WI; Don Lamb of Little Rock, AR; Jon Arndt of Lancaster, OH; Alan "Just Escaped From The Asylum" Page of New Orleans; Jeff Limke, address withheld; Anthony Gallagher of Melbourne, Australia; Steve Wright of Hodgenville, KY; and Jim Kelly of Valley Stream, NY (who writes, "...LSH #11 was not only a disappointment, it was also an insult...I hope that an issue written like this one never appears in this series again").

• Actually, the majority of the mail on the Tenzil story in #11 was positive, though Simon Delmonte of Queens, NY; Dave Durley of Clifton, Bristol, England; and Jack Abramowitz of Brooklyn, NY all suggested it was fun to do once, but requested that we not try it again anytime soon.

• And some were thoroughly amused by Tenzil's misadventures, including Mary Catelli of Poughkeepsie, NY; Sherman Treese of Shreveport, LA; Troy Schoeneberger of Mankato, MN; Martin Gray of London, England; Alan Seipinwall of Pine Brook, NJ (who calls #11 "the single funniest comic I have ever read"); Philip Barret of London, England; Michael Zapcic of Hyde Park, NY; Tom J. Campbell of Madison, WI; Jeff Mitchell of St. Paul, MN; Charles D. Brown of Brentwood, NY; Karen J. Fisher of Westmont, IL; Mark Phillips of Johnsons City, TN; David Schorer of Federal Way, WA; Ken Hopkins of Springfield, OH; and Michael Shawn Gilbert of Tucson, AZ (who says, "Tenzil should time-travel to our era and get into politics. With his acting experience, he could go far. Help take a bite out of bureaucracy. Tenzil Kem for president in '92").

• Gary Kryvko of Chicago and Guy W. West of Tallahassee, FL, both gave Tenzil thumbs-up and suggested he stick around to organize a new Legion of Substitute-Heroes. But we protest that Tenzil's place is beyond doubt as a full-fledged Legionnaire. Accept no substitutes!

• Another entertained reader, B.J. "Tsik" Tsikoun of Newburgh, NY, writes, "The fact that [Keith] doesn't have a plot assist credit for the Tenzil story has me a bit worried. I thought at least Tom & Mary were sane." Wrong again! Hee-hee-ha!

• With a couple of our more vocal critics recently questioning the ratio of negative-to-positive mail we've been printing, we decided to take a random sampling of the letters that we actually receive and grade them according to that standard and see what ratio comes out.

The random period got selected for us, since there was about a six-week gap in the changeover of editors between Michael and Dan before the mail was forwarded. And for the stack that collected in that time, 20% was negative mail, 17% we classified as mixed or neutral (often questions or suggestions) and 63% was positive. That's a three-to-one positive-to-negative ratio, which is pretty consistent with what we've been receiving all along (and we feel, what we've been printing all along).

• Readers of our friendly sister publication L.E.G.I.O.N. '91, including Sean Sinclair of Kensington, MD, have been wondering why Lar Gand doesn't remember Phaze from his stint in L.E.G.I.O.N. '90 and go and report the missing Phantom Girl when he travels to the 30th century. We expect to at least partially address that matter in next year's annual, which, we hope, will answer most of your Valor questions.

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